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Records of the
Congregational Church
of Christ in Mercer

Organized October 30, 1822

Agreeable to the request of individuals
in Mercer, the following Ministers convened at
the School House near Esq John Pikes for the
purpose of enquiring into the expediency of form-
ing a Congregational Church in Mercer. viz.

Rev. David Thurston of Winthrop

Rev. Josiah Pest of Norridgewock

Rev. Fifield Holt of Bloomfield.

Rev. David Thurston was chosen Moderator, &

Rev. Josiah Pest Scribe.

The throne of grace was then addressed by
the Moderator, for directions & aid.

Then proceeded to hear a number of indi-
viduals give a relation of their religious
experience, & the grounds of their hope in
Christ, among whom, were the following.

William Peirce

Levi Gates

Oliver Cromwell

Martha Cromwell

Susanna Smith

These persons expressing their desire

To be embodied into a Church, and giving satisfactory evidence that they were subjects of renewing grace, & proper persons to be so embodied; and manifesting further, their consent to the Confession of faith, & the Covenant which follow; were declared to be a Church of Christ in Congregational Order.

Oliver Cromwell not having received baptism, the Ordinance was administered to him at this time.

And after a sermon by the Moderator, and prayers Rev. Mr. Holt and the Scribe, the meeting dissolved.

Attest Josiah Peet Scribe
New Can^y 30, 1822.

Confession of faith.

Article 1 We believe there is one God who is the Father, Son, & Holy Ghost; a Being of infinite Wisdom, power, justice, goodness & truth, and the only proper object of religious worship.

Art. 2. — That God is the Creator and sovereign disposer of all creatures, and events.

Art 3. — That the Holy Scriptures were given by inspiration of God, and are the only perfect rule of religious faith & practice.

Art. 4. That our first Parents were created in the image of God, perfectly holy and happy; and that by transgressing the divine command, fell into a state of sin & misery.

Art. 5. That in consequence of their apostacy, all men are by nature, wholly destitute of true holiness, enemies to God, & under the curse of the divine law.

Art. 6. That the Lord Jesus Christ, being God and man, mysteriously united in one person; has, by his sufferings & death, made an atonement for sin, which is sufficient for the whole world, and thus rendered it con-

sistent with the holy Character of God
to pardon & save every penitent believer

Art. 7 That none do truly repent ^{signify} & believe
the gospel; but those who are renewed
in heart by the special influence of
the Holy Spirit, according to the eternal
purposes of God; and that all such will
be kept by the power of God through
faith unto salvation.

Art. 8. That it is the duty & privilege of parents
& heads of families, who are visibly in
Covenant with God, to bring their chil-
dren, & all under their parental care
to the ordinance of Christian Baptism
and to train them up in the nurture
and admonition of the Lord.

Art. 9 That at the end of time, there will be
resurrection of the dead, & a general
Judgement, where the righteous will
be received to everlasting happiness, and the

wicked doomed to endless misery.
Thus we believe and profess.

Covenant.

You do now in the presence of God and
Man avouch the Great Jehovah, Father, Son,
& Holy Ghost to be your God, the object of your
supreme affections, and your chosen portion
forever.

You cordially acknowledge, & receive
the Lord Jesus Christ, in all his mediatorial
Offices, Prophet, Priest, & King, as your only
Saviour, & final Judge; and the Holy Spirit
as your Sanctifier & Guide.

You humbly & cheerfully devote your-
selves to God, consecrating all your powers
& faculties to his service & glory.

You promise to take the word of God as the
rule of your life & conversation, and to
give diligent attention to his ordinances,
to family & secret prayer, & to the due
observance of the Sabbath; that you will
seek the honor of his name, & the interest

of his kingdom; and that henceforth, denying all ungodliness, & every worldly lust, you will live soberly, righteously, & godly in the world.

Acknowledging this to be a Church of Christ, you do now cordially unite with it, engaging to submit to its discipline so far as conformable to the rules of the gospel, solemnly covenanting to strive, as much as in you lies, to promote its peace, edification & purity; and to walk with its members in Christian love & faithfulness; and, abandoning the sinful pleasures & amusements of the world, to prove what is that good, & acceptable, & perfect will of God.

This you covenant & engage.

We do now receive you into our communion, promising you our prayers and Christian love: And we severally engage, with the aid of divine grace to walk with you in all brotherly watch-

fulness & kindness, praying that God will strengthen both you & us unto every good work, to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight."

And now beloved, you have opened your mouth unto the Lord, & you can not go back." Wherever you go, there voices will be upon you. They will follow you to the bar of God, and in whatever world you may be fixed, will abide upon you to eternity. You can never again be, as you have been. You have unalterably committed yourselves, and henceforth you must be the servants of the Lord.

May the Lord guide & preserve you till death; And at last receive you to that blessed world, where our love and joy shall be perfect forever.

Names of the Members of the Chh	Time of admission	Chh. Members	Time of admission
+ William Paine Levi Gates Oliver Cromwell Martha Cromwell Susanna Smith	at the organization of the Church Oct 30 1822	Olive Thompson Williams Stevens Charlotte Stevens	Nov 9 th 1823 January 4 th 1824
+ Hannah Gates Polly Burr	Dec 4 th 1822	Sally Worles	June 20 th
John Thompson Susan Groswell	Jan 4 th 1823	Timothy Ellis Abigail Ellis + Jane Pease	January 30 th 1825
Margret Curtis	May 25 th	+ Reuben Hatch Ezra S Hatch James Downs Dove Wilts	April 24
Sally Hatch	June 22		
+ Samuel Pease Betsy Kimball	Sept 14	Rebecca Smith	May 14 th
Afred Hatch	Oct 12 th	Love Pike Ann M Downs	Sept 25 th

Names	Time of admission	Chh. Members	Time of admission
Hannah Hervey Susan D. Wells Huldah Richardson Amelia G Wiley	May 20 th 1826	+ Sophia Hatch Elizabeth Paine Alson Bumpus Mary A. Bumpus	May 21 st 1831 May 22 ^o July 17 th
Sewell Paine Olive Heywood Sylvia Paine Ann P Burr + Chloe Watson	Aug 9 th 1829	Elizabeth With Rebecca Gordon Susan C. Groswell	Nov 6 th
+ Rensford Smith Warner Barton Elizabeth Barton Otis Richardson Jedidah Richardson Lucy G. Thatcher + Smith Wiley	June 16 th 1830	Elizabeth With Rebecca Gordon Laprilite Hunt Mary A. Hunt	April 22 1832 June 16 th
+ Relief Paine	Nov 7	Julia K. Liles Olive Richardson Jane Smith	Feb 9 th 1833 Dec 1 st 1833
		Mary Burr	Jan. 4 th 1834

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+ William Paine	at the	Olive Thompson	Nov 9 th 1823	Hannah Hervey	May 20 th	Sophra Hatch	May 21 st 1831
Levi Gates	organi- sation of the	Williams Stevens	January	Susan D. Wells	20 th	Elizabeth Paine	May 22 ^o
Oliver Cromwell	Church	Charlotte Stevens	4 th 1824	Huldah Richardson	1826	Alson Bumpus	July 17 th
Martha Cromwell	Oct 30 1822			Amelia G. Wiley		Mary A. Bumpus	
Susanna Smith							
+ Hannah Gates	Dec 4 th	Sally Worke	June 20 th	Sewell Paine		Elizabeth With	
Polly Burr	1822	Timothy Ellis	January	Olive Heywood	Aug 9 th	Rebecca Gordon	Nov 6 th
		Abigail Ellis	30 th 1825	Sylvia Paine	1829	Susan C. Groswell	
John Thompson	Jan 4 th 1823	+ Jane Pease		Ann P. Burr			
Susan Groswell				+ Chloe Watson		Elizabeth With	Nov 22 1832
		+ Reuben Hatch		+ Randolph Smith		Laprilite Hunt	June 16 th
Margret Curtis	May 25 th	Ezra S. Hatch	April 24	Warner Barton		Mary A. Hunt	
Sally Hatch	June 22	James Downs		Elizabeth Barton	June 15 th		
		Dave Wells		Otis Richardson	1830	Julia H. Sikes	Feb 9 th 1833
+ Samuel Pease	Sept 14	Rebecca Smith	May 18 th	Fredrick Richardson		Olive Richardson	Dec 1 st 1833
Betsy Kimball				Lucy G. Thatcher		Jane Smith	
				+ Ameth Wiley			
Apred Hatch	Oct 12 th	Love Pike	Sept 25 th				
		Ann M. Downs		+ Relief Paine	Nov 7	Mary Burr	Jan. 4 th 1834

Names	Time of admission		
Abijah Smith	April 1834	John Pike	
Warner Barton Jr.		Abel Heywood	
Lydia S. Hask		Moses C. Pike	April
Emily Smith		Asa Cairne	29th. 1838
		John S. Pike	
Ann M. Pike	June 1. 1834	Abigail Heywood	
Mariat Heywood		Susan D. Wells	
Henry Ellis			
Jeremiah Smith		Joseph A. Hatch	July August
Samuel Cordis		Abigail H. Ellis	21. 1838
James Clarke	May 14. 1834	David B. Wells	Dec. 20. 1838
Lucy Bunker		Alice Cairne	Feb. 3. 1839
Betsy Smith		Lucy A. Thatcher	March 15. 1839
Clonondine Clarke			
Oren Liles	May 30. 1835		
Elizabeth Gates			
Coraline J. Thatcher	April 16. 1837		
Elen. Thatcher	August 7. 1837		
Mary A. Hunt			

Dec. 7. 1832 The Church met at the house of John Pike Esq. At this meeting, Mrs. Hammett the wife of Levi Gates, a member of a Chh Worcester, wished to remove her relation & become a member of this Chh. On hearing her relation of the grounds of her hope, the Chh were so far satisfied, that they voted to admit her a member in full communion, on her presenting a letter from the Chh in Worcester. This condition, she & her husband afterwards complied with, and presented the following letter.

Worcester Mass. 17 Nov. 1832

The first Congregational Church in Worcester to the Church of Christ in Meru Main, consider the pastoral care of—

Rev. and Beloved,

At the request of Mr Levi Gates and Wife, we dismiss them from our Church, & recommend them to your fellowship & watch, as fully

entitled to all the privileges of the gospel.

Upon their admission into your church, their particular relation to us will be considered as dissolved.

Wishing you grace, mercy & peace we subscribe ourselves your brethren in the faith & fellowship of the gospel.

In behalf of the Church,

Arctus B. Hall Pastor.

At the same meeting Miss Polly Burr requested the privilege of membership, related her religious experience to the church and was accepted by vote of the church.

Sabbath, Dec. 8. 1822. In public assembly Miss Polly Burr gave her consent to the articles of faith & the covenant, and was admitted a member of the chh in full communion.

Attest

Sarah Pratt Missionary.

Jan^y 4 1823 The Church met at the School House on the hill. The meeting being opened, Mr John Thompson, & Mrs. Susan, the wife of Doc Andrew Crosswell Esq. offered themselves to the chh, gave the reasons of their hope in Christ, and were by vote of the church, accepted.

Sab. Jan 5. In public assembly, Mr John Thompson, & Mrs. Susan Crosswell gave consent to the Confession of faith, & the covenant, & were admitted members in full communion. To the latter, Baptism was administered.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to the Church, for the first time.

The same day, were baptized, three children of Doc Andrew, Crosswell & Susan, his wife on her account by the names following, viz Susan Cony, Thomas and Emily.

Also four children of John Thompson & Olive his wife, on his account, viz.

the names of Amasa, Henry, Sanford & John.

Also 5 children of Oliver Cromwell & Martha his wife by the names following. Mary, Elizabeth, Simon Willard, Oliver and Amasa.

Attest Josiah Peet Missionary.

March 2, 1823 Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Peet, & administered the sacrament, & preached.

May 24 The Church had a meeting, at which Mrs. Margaret, the wife of John B. Curtis offered herself to the Chh., and was accepted.

25 In public Assembly, she gave her consent to the articles of Faith & Covenant, & was admitted a member in full communion.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered the same day, by Mr. Peet, also, a child of Oliver Cromwell, & Martha his W. wife, baptized by their Mother.
June 22 Mrs. Sally Hatch was admitted a member. by a letter from the Church in New Sharon.
J. Peet Missionary

Sept 14 1823 Capt. Lemuel Pease, & Mrs. Betsey Kimball, were admitted Members of the Church
J. Peet Missionary

October 12 1823 In public Assembly, Alfred Hatch was his wife, were admitted Members of the Church in full Communion. The Sacrament of the Lords was also administered. And 3 children of Alfred & Sally Hatch were baptized by the following names viz Joseph Addison, Lucy Tilton, & Samuel Munson.

Nov. 9. This day, Mr. Olive Thompson, having been previously examined, & accepted, was admitted a Member of the Church in full Communion. Baptism was administered to her at the same time. And the Chh. Received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
J. Peet Missionary

January 14, 1824 (Sat) Mr. William Stevens, & his wife, having been previously accepted & pronounced, were admitted Members of the Church in full communion, the latter of whom, received baptized. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was also administered, & 3 children of Alfred & Sally Hatch, baptized by the names of Joseph Addison, Lucy Tilton & Samuel Munson.
Attest Josiah Peet Missionary

Feb 28 At a meeting of the church this day, Mr William
1824 - Paine was chosen deacon of the church, by
a unanimous vote. And Mr John Thompson
was chosen clerk of the church.

The church also voted ^{that} ^{William Paine} be the standing
Moderator of the church in all ordinary ca-
ses. and that Rev. Mr Peet be standing Mode-
rator when present, & in extraordinary cases.

Attest Jonah Peet Missionary.

Feb. 29 This day church received the sacrament of
Lord's supper.

April 25 Sab. The church again received the sacrament
of the Lord's supper.

June 20. In public assembly, Mrs Sally Works, the
wife of Asaph Works, having been previously
examined & accepted by the chh, was ad-
mitted a member in full communion.
She also received baptism at this time.

The sacrament of the supper was ^{also} adminis-
tered by Mr Peet.

Aug. 15 The chh received the sacrament of the
supper administered by Rev. Mr Peet.

Oct 10 The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was
administered by Mr Peet.

Jan 30 Timothy Ellis & his wife were admitted
1825 members of the church by letter from the
church in Franklin. Their child was
was baptized by the name of Nancy Mi-
randa. and the sacrament of the sup-
per administered. by Mr Peet.

Feb. 27 A child of Alfred & Sally Hatch was bap-
tized by the name of Joel Munson.

March 27 The church received the sacrament of the
Lord's supper administered by Rev. Mr Peet.

A.D. 1825

April 23^d The Church met at the School house near Baker's Mills At this meeting Mr Reuben Hatch a member of the congregational Church in New Sharon wished to remove his relationship to this Church having presented a letter from the Church in N Sharon was accepted by this Chh At the same time Mr Ezra T Hatch Mr James Downs and Mr David With offered themselves to the Church related the grounds of their hope in Christ and were accepted by a vote of the Chh after which a sermon was preached by the Rev Mr Sewall

Sab 24th of April Mr E. T. Hatch Mr James Downs and Mr David With gave consent to the articles of faith and the covenant and were admitted members in full communion The ordinance of baptism was administered to Mr Downs and so much of the eighth article of the confession of faith as relates to infant baptism was omitted on his part The sacrament of the Lords Supper was also administered to the Chh by Rev Gotham Sewall who admitted the 4 members above mentioned to the Chh Attest John Thompson Clerk

A.D. 1825

April 30th This day Mrs Sally Works a member of this Church and wife of Mr Asaph Works departed this life in the triumph of faith

Attest

John Thompson Clerk

May 14th At a meeting of the Chh on Beach Hill Mrs Rebekah Smith wife of Mr Ransford Smith offered herself to the Church related his religious experience and was accepted by a vote of the Chh Sunday June 5th were baptized 4 children of James Downs and Ann M. his wife on his account by the names of Albert James, Charles Meeder, Lucy Laura, and Henry Smith also 5 children of David With and Susan his wife, on his account by the names of David Bower, Thomas Heist, Susan Danforth, Erasmus Theaster, and Daniel Bower

The same day Mrs. Rebekah Smith gave consent to the articles of faith and the covenant and was admitted a member in full communion.

The Chh received the sacrament of the Lords Supper administered by Mr Peet

Attest

John Thompson Clerk

1825

July 3rd The Rev Mr Peet preached at the school house on B. Hill and baptized 5 children of Mr Mansford Smith and Rebekah his wife on his account by the names of Abijah, Emily Aubert, Amos Wilts, Abion Walker, and Mary Amanda

Attest John Thompson Clerk
On the same day and at the same place Mr Peet baptized a child of Mr Levi Gates and Heminah his wife by the name of William

Attest John Thompson Clerk
July 31st Rev Mr Peet preached at Mercer village and administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to the Church

Attest J Thompson
Saturday Aug 27 at a meeting of on B Hill Mrs Love Pike wife of Mr John Pike and Mrs Ann. M. Downs wife of Mr James Downs offered themselves to the Chh related the grounds of their hope in Christ were accepted by a vote of the Church

Attest John Thompson Clerk

1825

Sept 25th Sabbath In public assembly Mrs Love Pike and Mrs Ann. M. Downs having been previously accepted gave consent to the articles of faith & the covenant and were admitted members in full communion baptism was administered to both of them

The sacrament of the Lords supper was administered to the to the Church

Attest J Thompson Clerk

Sabbath Nov 20th The Church received the sacrament of the Lords supper

Sabbath January 15th 1826 The Church received the Sacrament of the Lords supper

Saturday April 8th at a meeting of the Church Miss Hannah Flervey offered hir self to the Church related the grounds of hir hope in Christ, and was accepted by a vote of the Church

Attest John Thompson Clerk

2nd Sabbath April 9th Rev Mr Peet administered the Sacrament of the Lords supper, in the evening, to the Church. In the evening preached a lecture at Dr Croswells, and baptized a child of Dr Andrew and Susan Croswell, by the name of John Church

Attest John Thompson clerk

A.D. 1826

Saturday May 20th in Church meeting
Miss Huldah ~~Richardson~~ son and Mrs Susan Welts
Miss Hannah Harvey requested the privilege
of Membership and were accepted by a vote of the
Church

Sabbath May 26 Miss Amelia G. Wiley related the
grounds of her hope in Christ and was
accepted by the Church

This day Mrs Susan Welts Miss Hannah
Harvey Miss Huldah Richardson and Miss
Amelia G. Wiley having been previously
examined gave their consent to the articles
of faith and the covenant were ~~ad~~ admitted
members in full communion and received baptism
at that time. The Church also received the
Sacrament of the Lords Supper

A child of Mr David Welts and Susan his wife
was baptised by the name of John Danforth
attest John Thompson } Clerk

1827 A.D. 1826

Sabbath July 16th The Church received the sacrament
of the Lords Supper by Rev. F. Flott
Sabbath Sept 10th The Church partook of the sacrament
of the Lords Supper

Sabbath Nov 5th Mr Peet preached and administered
the sacrament of the Supper to the Chh
and baptized a child of John Thompson and Olive
his wife by the name of Elizabeth

attest John Thompson Clerk

March 25th 1827 Mr Peet preached and
administered the Lords Supper to the Chh
attest J Thompson Clerk

May 20th Mr Peet preached and admini-
stered the sacrament of the Lords Supper to the
Church, and baptized a child of Simon Ellis and
Abigail his wife by the name of P. Ling Fish
and a child of Alfred Hatch and Sally his wife
by the name of Eliza Ann

attest J Thompson Clerk

A.D. 1827 / 1828

July 15th Mr Peet preached
and administered the sacrament of the supper to the
Church and the sacrament of baptism to a child
of James Downs & on his wife by the name of
Francis Fairfield

Attest John Thompson Clerk

Sept. 9th Mr Peet administered the sacrament
to the Church

Nov 4th the Church partook of the ordinance of the
Lords Supper

Dec 30th Mr Underwood preached and administered
sacrament to the Church

1828 February 10th Mr Peet administered the
sacrament of the supper to the Church

April 20th The church received the
sacrament of the Lords Supper

June 15th Mr Withersell preached and
administered the sacrament of the Supper
to the Church -

August 10th Mr Peet preached and
administered the sacrament of Lords Supper
to the Church & and baptized a child of
Levi & Hannah Gates by the name of John

A.D. 1828 - 1829

October 5th Mr Peet preached and administered the
sacrament of the Lords Supper to the Chh

Nov 30th Mr Peet baptized a child of John and Olive
Thompson by the name of Olive

Attest John Thompson Clerk

December 24th The Church received the sacrament
of the Lords Supper Attest J Thompson Clerk

Jan 25th 1829 Mr Peet preached at the
Mills and a Lecture at Mr Welts in the winter
and baptized a child of David & Susan Welts by the
name of Edward Payson

Attest John Thompson Clerk

March 22nd Mr Peet preached and administered
the sacrament to the Church

May 17th Chh partook of the sacrament of the
Supper

In January ¹⁸²⁹ Miss Hannah Perry a member of
this Church, at her request, was dismissed with a
letter of recommendation to the Congregational Church
in Lowell, Mass Attest J Thompson Clerk

AD 1829

Thursday July 11th at a meeting of the Chh at the School house on Beach Hill Mrs Olive Heywood wife of Capt Abel Heywood Mrs Sylvia Paine wife of Mr Rufus Paine, and Miss Ann Burr offered themselves to the Church related the grounds of their hope in Christ and were accepted by the Church

Mrs Chloe Watson wife of Mr Benjⁿ Watson presented a letter to the Chh from the Congregational Church in Leicester and requested to be admitted as a member and was accepted by the Chh

Sunday ~~12th~~ Mr Sewall Paine requested to be admitted a member of the Church and was accepted by a vote of the Church after relating his religious experience (Heywood)

The same day in public assembly Mrs Olive Mrs Sylvia Paine Miss Ann Burr and Mr Sewall Paine gave consent to the articles of faith and the Covenant and were admitted members in full communion. The three first received the ordinance of baptism at this time

The Sacrament of the Supper was also administered by Mr Peet Attest John Thompson } Clerk

AD 1829

Sunday Sept 6th Mr Peet preached and baptized a child of Mr Benjamin Watson and Chloe his wife on her account by the name of Samuel Austin. Attest J Thompson } Clerk

Sunday October 11th The Church recd the sacrament of the Lords Supper Attest J Thompson } Clerk
Saturday 17th of Oct. This day William Paine a member and Deacon of the Church departed this life

Saturday December 5th The Church met at the house of Esq^r Thatchers for conference and prayer J Thompson was chosen Deacon in the room of Dea Wm Paine deceased

Sunday 6th The Church received the sacrament of the Lords Supper
Attest John Thompson } Clerk

A.D. 1830.

January 3^d Mr Peet preached at the Meeting house
the 2^d time since the Dedication and preached on
Ps. 111 in the evening and baptized a child of
Levi Gates and Hannah his wife by the name
of Lucy Hannah Attest

John Thompson } Clerk
January 31st The Church partook of the sacram-
ent of the Supper

Attest John Thompson } Clerk
March 24th Mr Withersell preached and
administered the sacrament of the Lords
Supper to the Church

John Thompson } Clerk
April 24th At a meeting of the Church
Mr Ransford Smith requested the privilege
of Church membership related his religious
experience and was accepted by a vote of
the Church

Attest John Thompson Clerk

Saturday May 22^d At a meeting of the
Church Mr Warner Barton and Elizabeth
his wife, Capt Otis Richardson and

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Jedidah his wife, Mrs Lucy ~~Smith~~ wife of
Ebenezer Thatcher Esq and Miss Aseneth
Wiley offered themselves to the Church related
their religious experience and were accepted by
the Church

Attest John Thompson } Clerk
Sunday 23^d Mr Peet preached and administer-
ed the sacrament to the Chh.

Attest J. Thompson Clerk

June 16th being the Annual meeting of County
Conference of Churches for the County of Somerset
on public assembly Mr Ransford Smith Capt Otis
Richardson Mrs Jedidah Richardson, Mr Warner
Barton Mrs Elizabeth Barton Mrs Lucy Thatcher
and Miss Aseneth Wiley, gave consent to the
Articles of faith and the covenant and were
admitted members of the Church in full commu-
nion Mr R. Smith Capt C. Richardson Mrs
J. Richardson and Miss A. Wiley Received the
ordinance of Baptism previous to admission and
after it the sacrament was administered by Rev J
Williams of Foxcroft assisted by Rev J Sewell of Chesterhill
Attest John Thompson } Clerk

A.D. 1830 Saturday May 22^d
at a meeting of the Church Br James Downs
was chosen Deacon but did not signify his
acceptance of the office at that time
this ~~article~~ should have been recorded on the
~~other~~ page Attest J Thompson Clerk
minding.

Sunday July 18th The Church partook of the
Sacrament of the Lords Supper
Attest John Thompson Clerk

Sunday Sept 12th The Church partook of
the Sacrament of the Supper
Attest J Thompson

Saturday October 9th at a meeting of the Chh
Mrs Relief Paine Relict of Br Wm Paine Dec
related her religious experience and was accepted
by a vote of the Church
Attest John Thompson Clerk

Sunday October 10th Mr Peet preached a
lecture at the School House on B Hill at
4 o'clock P.M. and baptized five Children
of William Stevens and Charlotte his wife

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by the names of Hannah. Mary Hallet, Abigail.
Charlotte Buzzel, and Angula Buzzel
Also five Children of Warner Barton and
Elizabeth his wife by the names of Warner
Elbridge, Aaron, Otis and Eliza Ann
Attest John Thompson, Clerk

Sunday Nov 7th Mrs. Relief Paine having
been previously accepted by the Church was ad-
mitted a member in full communion baptism
was administered to her at the same time
and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to the
Chh Attest J Thompson Clerk

January 2^d 1831 The Church received the
Sacrament of the Lords Supper
Attest J Thompson Clerk

December 5th 1830 Mr Peet baptized two
Children of Capt Otis Richardson and Jedidah
his wife by the names of Otis and Franklin.

Attest John Thompson Clerk

A.D. 1831 Sunday February 27th The Chh
Received the Sacrament of the Lords Supper
administered by Mr Peet J. Thompson Clerk
April 23^d At a meeting of the Church Mrs
Elizabeth Paine wife of Mr Wm Paine
offered himself to the Church and was accepted
Attest John Thompson Clerk

Saturday May 21st Miss Sophia Hatch
daughter of Mr Keuben Hatch; being desirous
to become a member of the Chh, more than a year
or so but was prevented offering herself to the Chh.
on account of the bad state of her health.
The Church Met this day at her fathers house
her religious experience ~~being~~ having been read
to the Chh, she was accepted, and having con-
sented to the Articles of faith and the covenant, was
admitted a member in full communion. After
which the Lords Supper was administered to the
Church by Mr Peet

Attest John Thompson Clerk
P.S. At the same time and place Mr
Kensford Smith & Capt Otis Richardson were chosen
delegates to represent the Chh in the County

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conference of Churches to be holden at Woudgwick
in June next J Thompson Clerk

Sunday May 22^d In public assembly Mrs Elizabeth
Paine wife of Mr Wm Paine gave consent to
the articles of faith & the covenant was admitted
a member in full communion Baptism was adm-
inistered to her at the same time Baptism was
administered the same day to a child of Mr Wm
Paine & Elizabeth his wife on her account by the
name of William Ward.

Attest John Thompson J Clerk

Saturday June 14th at a meeting of the Church
Mr Olson Bumpus and Mary Ann his wife
offered themselves to the Church related the
grounds of their hope in Christ and were accepted
Attest J Thompson Clerk

S. 19th Miss Sophia Hatch a member of this
Church departed this life the 17th inst and was
buried this day Capt Lemuel Pears a member
of this Church died January 2th

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Sunday June 19th Mr Peet Baptized a child
of Mr Warner Barton & Elizabeth his wife by
the name of Sarah Pierce

J Thompson } Clerk

July 17th In public assembly Mr Alson
Bumpus and Mary Ann his wife gave
consent to the confession of faith and the
covenant and were admitted members in
full communion Baptism was administ
ered to them at the same time. The Chh
partook of the sacrament of the Lords sup
per

Attest John Thompson } Clerk

Saturday September 10th Miss Elizabeth Wells
Miss Rebecca Gordon and Miss Susan C.
Gooswell presented themselves as candidates
for Church membership related their grounds
of hope in Christ and were accepted by a vote
of the Chh Mr Warner Barton Jr was also
present and related his religious experience
and was accepted by a vote of the Chh and

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had leave to come at the next communion
Attest John Thompson } Clerk

Sunday November 6th in Public assembly
Miss Elizabeth Wells Miss Rebecca Gordon
and Miss Susan C. Gooswells gave consent to
articles of faith and the Covenant and were
admitted members in full communion.

Baptism was administered to the former

Attest J Thompson } Clerk
The Sacrament was administered to the Chh

Sunday December 4th Mr Powers preach

Sunday January 1st AD 1832

The Church partook the sacrament of the
Lords Supper Mr Peet baptized a child
of Moses C. Pike and Amelia G. his wife
on her account by the name of Mary
Elizabeth

J Thompson } Clerk

AD 1832 Sunday Feb^y 26th The Chh partook
of the sacrament of the Lords Supper

Sunday March 25th Miss Mary H. Thatcher
offered her self a candidate for Church member-
ship and was accepted by the Chh

attest John Thompson } Clerk

Sunday April 22^d In a public assembly Miss
Mary H. Thatcher gave consent to the confession
of faith and the covenant and was admitted
a member of the Chh in full communion

attest John Thompson } Clerk

VB A letter was received by the Chh, from the
Congregational Chh in New Sharon inviting
the Chh to assist by their delegates at the Orden-
ation of John A. Vinton (on the 16th day of
May next) as the pastor of the Congregational
Chh in New Sharon. Bro. James Bowers, and
Alfred Hatch were chosen delegates

April 22^d Communion of the Church

AD 1832 Sunday May 20th Mr Peet baptized five
children of Mr Rufus Paine and Sylvia his
wife on his account (at their house) by the
names of Hannah, Nathaniel Curtis,
George Allen, Levi Gates, Sylvia
attest John Thompson } Clerk

Saturday June 16th Mr Leprelette Hunt
and his wife Mary Ann were admitted mem-
bers of the Church by letter from the Presby-
terian Church in Middlebury Mass

attest John Thompson } Clerk
June 17th Communion of the Church

July 15th Mr Sykes of Union preached for
Mr Peet and baptized two children of
Mr Leprelette Hunt and his wife Mary Ann
by the names of William Francis and
Richard Brville

attest John Thompson } Clerk

The sacrament of the Lords was administered to
the Chh on the 12th of Aug and 7th of Oct

A.D. 1832 Sunday Dec 2^d. The sacrament
of the Lords Supper was administered to the
Chh by Rev. Oren Sikes

J. Thompson 3^d Clerk
At a meeting of the Church, the following
Preamble and Resolves were adopted by an
unanimous vote of the Chh

Believing that the use and traffic of ardent
spirits is a moral evil and highly
inconsistent with a profession of religion,
and that the time has arrived when the
Churches of Christ are called upon to exert
all their influence against these practices of
abomination, we agree to adopt the follow-
ing resolutions by which we intend hereafter
to be governed

Resolved that we will not
hereafter admit into our church any person
who has any thing to do with ardent spirits
unless it be for medicinal purposes

Resolved that should any of the
members of our church hereafter be engaged in
the use traffic or manufacture of ardent

spirits, they shall be considered as fit subjects ^{for} discipline
Attest John Thompson 3^d Clerk A.D. 1832

Sept 20th. The Chh. & others associated
with them met at the house of Dr. Crof-
well to devise measures relative to the
settlement of a minister over S. Chh.
Chose Bro. Beuben Hatch Moderator.
Voted to settle a minister if funds
can be procured for his salary.

A subscription paper was then
presented & signed by all present.
Dea J. Thompson, Dr. Cronnell & Bro.
Olin Richardson were chosen a
Committee to procure subscriptions
& act in behalf of the Chh.
Voted to adjourn to Oct. 4th to meet
at the meeting house at 3 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. Thompson Clerk

A. D. 1832. Oct. 4th. Met agreeable
to adjournment. Voted that the
Committee invite Rev. Oren Sikes
of Union to preach as candidate
for settlement. Voted to adjourn
sine die.

Attest John Thompson

Dec. 17. The Chh. & people associ-
ated with them met at the
house of Dr. Brewster. Voted
unanimously to give the Rev.
Oren Sikes who for some weeks
has been preaching with us, a
call to become our pastor.
Voted to give him a salary of
four hundred dollars annually.
Voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest J. Thompson Clerk

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The following call was forwarded
to Mr. Sikes.

Warren Dec. 19. 1832.

Revd. Oren Sikes Sir, Having for
some time past enjoyed the privilege
of your ministerial services &
during that time believing that
we have an opportunity to learn
your religious & moral qualifications
as well as your personal qualities,
the Congregational Chh. & people
of this place, long anxious for the
period to arrive when they should
be blessed with the stated adminis-
tration of the Gospel & its ordinan-
ces & after mature deliberation on
the important relation & the high
mutual responsibilities resulting
from the connection between a min-
ister of Christ & his people have un-

unanimously deputed the undersigned
to invite you to become their pastor.

Small in number & limited in
resources we are enabled, by the
liberal foreign aid of Christians be-
neficence to offer & guarantee to you
the annual sum of four hundred
dollars. The perfect unanimity with
which this invitation is given
will we hope inspire you with
confidence in the utility & suc-
cess of your future labors, & we sin-
cerely hope that this our invita-
tion may be accepted with the same
cordiality with which it is given.

We are with high con-
sideration & esteem, yours

Obedient servants
John Thompson
Otis Richardson
David Helt
Alfred Hatch
Andrew Bronwell

} Com.

To this call the following was receiv-
ed from Mr. Sikes as a reply.

Mercer Jan. 4. 1839

To the Congregational Chh. in Mercer.

Dear Brethren

Having through
your Committee received an invita-
tion to become your pastor, it becomes
my duty at this time to return you
an answer. The station occupied by a
minister of the Gospel has by me ever
been regarded as one awfully respon-
sible. The office sustained by a pastor
of a Chh. is one of which I have ever
considered myself unworthy. But as
you have desired me to cast ~~my~~ my
lot among you, your request has
been viewed as worthy of notice.
Since receiving your invitation I have
endeavored to give it, that serious & pray-
erful attention which its impor-

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ance demands. Sensible in some measure of my need I have endeavored to ask counsel of God & have likewise been favored with the advice of several worthy Brethren & Fathers in the ministry whom I esteem & love. I have aimed to follow the path marked out before me by the providence of God. In doing this I have viewed it my duty to give you an answer in the affirmative. I therefore say to you Brethren that I comply with your invitation & am ready to become your Pastor on the following Conditions.

1st. That the salary you offer be paid quarterly & promptly.

2^d. That

you furnish me with a suitable parsonage by the 1st of Nov. next with in fifty rods of your meeting house & that the rent of this, be fixed by

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a Committee composed of gentlemen from other towns.

3^d. That such articles of produce as I may be disposed to take be furnished at cash price.

4th. That I have the privilege of exchanging with neighboring Clergymen as often as I may think proper.

5th. That I be allowed to receive four sabbaths in each year to myself.

6th. That whenever I think it my duty to leave I have a right so to do after giving the parish six months notice & that whenever a majority of the chh. wish me to leave I be obliged to depart after they have given me six months, & that whenever the connexion between myself & the chh. be dissolved, it be done by an Ecclesiastical Council.

Requesting an interest in

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your prayers at this peculiarly
interesting time & wishing you
grace mercy & peace from God
the Father & our Lord Jesus Christ.
I subscribe myself your Brother in
the faith & fellowship of the Gos-
pel.

Oren Sikes

Jan. 10th. Having received the
above from Mr. Sikes, the Church
& people met for the purpose of
taking it into consideration.
After some discussion it was
voted unanimously to comply with
the conditions proposed by Mr.
Sikes, & that the Committee of
the chh. confer with him rela-
tive to the calling of a Council &
appointing the day of his installa-
tion. Voted to adjourn.

Attest John Thompson Scribe

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Jan. 12. The Committee waited upon
Mr. Sikes, chose a mutual Council &
appointed Wednesday the 30th inst. as the
day for his installation.

The following
were the gentlemen who composed
the Council.

From the Chh. in Andover
Mass Rev. Josiah Peet, Pastor, Dea.
Samuel Sylvester Del. From Mad-
ison Chh. Rev. J. Tucker, Pastor Bro.
Benj. Weston Del. From Chh. in In-
dustry Rev. A. Boynton Pastor, David
Lucie Del. From Chh. in Newham
Rev. J. A. Vinton Pastor, Dea. S.
Greenough, Del. From Chh. in Cher-
terville Rev. J. Sewell Pas. Daniel
Sewell Del. From Chh. in Farmington
Rev. Mr. Rogers Pas. Joshua
Adams Del. From North Chh. in
Augusta Rev. J. Underwood Pas. &
Rev. E. Gillet D. D. from Hallowell. Rev.
Henry Richardson from Sidney.

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The Council convened at the meeting house on Tuesday evening but in consequence of the illness of the Candidate were obliged to adjourn to the house of Judge Thatcher where Mr. Sikes boarded. The examination being satisfactory the Council on the following day ^{Jan. 30th} installed Rev. Oren Sikes as Pastor over this Church.

Sermon from Rom. 1. 16 by Dr. Gillet
Benedicting Pray by Rev. Mr. Rogers
Change by Rev. Mr. Sikes, Right
hand of Fellowship by Rev. Mr.
Vinton. Address to the Chh. by Rev.
Mr. Beet. Concluding Prayer by
Rev. Mr. Richardson. The Invocation
& reading of the Scriptures was performed by Rev. Mr. Underwood & the first prayer by Rev. Mr. Cuynton.

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Feb. 9th. Mrs. Julia Knox Sikes presented to this Chh. a recommendation from the Chh. in Thomaston, related her Christian experience & by a unanimous vote was received as a member into this Chh.

Attest Oren Sikes Pas.

Feb. 10. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to this Chh. by its Pastor.

March 12. At a Meeting of the Chh. Bro. Levi Gates was chosen Del. to assist in the Ordination of Mr. Flathaway over the Con. Chh. & parish in Bloomfield.

April 7th The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was this day administered.

Aug 10th the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered

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Sunday October 6th The Sacrament
of the Lords Supper was administered to the Chh
Nov 18th This day a child

Nov 2 At a meeting of the Chh Mrs Olive
Richardson offered her self a candidate for Church
membership, related the grounds of her hope in
Christ, and was accepted by a vote of the Chh
Attest J Thompson } Clerk

Sunday Nov 10th This day a child of Levi Gates
and Hannah his wife was baptised by the name
of Levi Loring Attest J Thompson scribe
Nov 23 at a meeting of the Church this day
Miss Jane Smith offered her self for admin-
istration to the church related the grounds of
her hope in the Savior, and was accepted
by a vote of the Chh

Attest John Thompson } Clerk

Sunday Dec 1st In public assembly Mrs
Olive Richardson and Miss Jane Smith
having been previously examined and accepted
by the Church, gave consent to the articles of
faith and the covenant were admitted members

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in full communion. Baptism was administered
to the latter. The Church partook of the Sacrament
of the Lords Supper at the same time

Attest John Thompson } Clerk

January 4. 1834.

At a meeting of the Chh.
Mrs. Mary Burr having presented a let-
ter of recommendation from the Chh.
in New Sharon, & related the grounds
of her hope, was received as a member of
this Chh.

Attest John Thompson Sec.

Feb. 2. This day the ordinance of the
Lords Supper was administered to the Chh.
by its pastor.

Feb. 16. This evening the ordinance of
Baptism was administered to a child of
Alfred Hatch & Sally his wife, by the name
of Abbe Johnson. Owen Dikes [Pastor]

A.D. 1834

March 1st, ^{at} a meeting of the Chh Abijah Smith and Emely Smith offered themselves ~~as~~ candidates for Church membership, and were accepted by a vote of the Chh. John Thompson { Clerk

March 31st At a meeting of the Church, Warner Barton Jr, and Lydia S. Hall, offered themselves candidates for church membership, and were accepted by a vote of the Chh J Thompson { Clerk

Sunday April 6th In public assembly Mr Abijah Smith, Mr Warner Barton Jr, Miss Emely Smith, and Miss Lydia S Hall, having been previously examined and accepted by the Chh, gave their consent to the articles of faith and the covenant, and were admitted members in full communion. The ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered to the Chh John Thompson { Clerk

A.D. 1834

June 1st This day in public assembly Henry Ellis, Miss Ann M. Sike + Maria Heywood having been previously examined + accepted by the Chh. gave their consent to the articles of faith + to the covenant + were admitted members in full communion. The ordinance of baptism was administered to the two latter persons.

July 13th This morning at 1/2 past 7 o'clock Mrs. Hannah Gater wife of Levi Gater departed this life, leaving behind her a bright evidence that she is admitted into the Church triumphant in heaven. She was born Aug. 17. 1794. experienced religion during the latter part of the year 1816, + united with the Church in Worcester Mass. early in the year 1817. In her death this Church has met with a great loss. May it be sanctified to us all. Oren Sikes { Barton

A. D. 1834

July 27. The ordinance of Baptism was this day administered to two children of Wm. + Elizabeth Caine, named Sarah Pike + Elizabeth Ann, + also to a child of John + Mary Burr, named Susannah Banforth.
J Thompson } Clerk

By a usage of the Chh from its organization to the settlement of the Rev Orr Sikes as its Pastor, the sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered once in eight weeks.

After Mr Sikes became pastor of the Church the sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered to the Chh once in two months on the first Sabbath in Feb. April, June Aug. Oct and Dec (unless as it some times was) deferred one Sabbath on account of some other orders occupying the meeting house.

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Oct 4th At a meeting of the Church this day William Stevens a member of this Chh was excommunicated by a unanimous vote of the Chh for violation of his covenant engagements. The decision of the Chh on Mr Stevens case was made public from the pulpit by the Pastor on the following Sabbath. Mrs Charlotte Stevens wife of Mr Wm Stevens and a member of this Chh was suspended from Chh privileges by a vote of the Chh at a previous meeting for not complying with the temperance requisition of the Chh.

Attest J Thompson } Clerk

A letter from the Chh in New Sharon to the Chh in Mercer requesting them to assist by their Pastor & Delegate in an ecclesiastical counsel to be convened in N. Sharon on eleventh day of Nov relating to the dismission of the Rev J. A. Vinton from his pastoral connexion with the Chh in New Sharon voted to comply with the request of the Chh in N. Sharon Chose Dea J. Downs Delegate to attend the counsel with the Pastor.

J Thompson } Scribe

AD 1834 = 1835

Nov 16th (Sabbath) A child of
Rev Oren and Julia K Sikes was baptized by
the ^{name} of Oren Cornelius

J Thompson } Scribe

March 1835 Mrs Lucy F Thatcher wife of
Ebenezer Thatcher Esq presented to the
Cong^l Chh in Mercer of which she is a
member two silver goblets for the
communion service The vessels for
the communion service consist of a plate
a tankard and two cups purchased by the
members of the Chh a while after the Chh
was imbedded J Thompson } Clerk of the
Chh

May 30th At a public meeting of the Chh
Samuel Cordis and others presented the
following letter from the Chh in Winth
rop

The Chh in Winthrop to the Chh in Mercer
under the pastoral care of Rev Mr. Sikes
sends Christian salutation

Beloved We commend unto you

AD 1835

our brethren Jeremiah Smith, Samuel Cordis,
& James Clark and our Sisters Lucy Bowles,
wife of Joshua Bowles, Polly Smith, wife of Jere
miah Smith, & Clarendine Clark, wife of James
Clark, as members in regular ~~standing~~ & good
standing with us and at their request, dismiss
them from us so that when received by you, their
special relation to us will cease -

Desiring that grace mercy & peace
may be multiplied unto you abundantly thro
Jesus Christ our Lord we are your brethren in the
faith and fellowship of the Gospel
On behalf of the Chh.

David Thurston, Pastor

Winthrop May 18th 1835

The above named persons viz Jeremiah Smith,
Samuel Cordis, James Clark, Lucy Bowles, Polly
Smith and Clarendine Clark, related their
grounds of their hope in Christ; and were
received as members of this Chh

Attest John Thompson Scribe

AD 1835

Saturday May 30th. Brothers
L. Hunt, and W. Barton, were chosen
Delegates to attend the County Conference to be
held in Strong on the

Sunday May 31st The Sacrament of the Lords
Supper was administered to day, being more
convenient than next Sabbath

J. Thompson scribe

Saturday July 11th at a meeting of the
Chh Rev Oren Sikes and Mrs Elizabeth Gates
having presented letters of recommendation
The former from the Chh in Union Me
and the latter from the 1st Chh in Worcester
Mass and were received as members of this
Chh

John Thompson scribe

Sunday August 2 Three children
of Moses C. Pike and Amelia G. Pike
his wife, were baptized on his account.
by the names of Charles Henry,
Frederick William, and John Carr
Attest

John Thompson scribe

A.D. 1836

April 15: This morning Abijah Smith departed
this life, having been sick only three days. His man-
ner of life since he united with this church
has been such, as induces us to believe that
he is now a glorified spirit before the throne of
God. He was twenty one years of age, & much
beloved.

Oren Sikes) Barton

May 15: Baptism was this day administered
to a child of Jeremiah & Sally Smith by the
name of Edward Payson; & to a child of Samu-
el & Mary Lardis by the name of Thomas.

Oren Sikes Barton

June 14: This day Mr. James Clarke &
Blancheline his wife, were by vote of
the church dismissed from this Chh. &
recommended to the Chh. in Hinthrop. at
their request. Mrs. Henrietta M. Hyde
(formerly Miss H. M. Thatcher) was also by
her request dismissed & recommended
to the Chh. in Beadfield.

Oren Sikes Barton

A. D. 1836

July 10. A letter missive having been received from the chh. in Beadfield inviting this church to assist them in the ordination of Mr. George B. Hyde, by pastor & a delegate, it was voted to comply with their request. Dea. Jeremiah Smith was chosen delegate.

July 13. This day the pastor of this church ~~also~~ met with the ecclesiastical council at Beadfield & assisted in the ordination of Mr. Hyde.

July 31. The ordinance of baptism was this day administered to a child belonging the pastor of this church, by the name of Julia Lyneor; also to a child of Mr. John Burns, named Priscilla Howe.

Dec. 4. A child of Rev. George B. Hyde & Henrietta May, his wife was baptised, receiving the name of Henrietta Cleveland, by the pastor of this church.

A. D. 1837.

Jan. 10. Mrs. Asenath ~~Wiley~~ Griffin (formerly A. Wiley) was this day by vote of the chh. recommended to the Hammond St. chh. Bangor.

April 16. This day Miss Caroline F. S. Thatcher, in public assembly gave her consent to the Articles of Faith & covenant, having been previously examined & accepted by the chh. was admitted a member in full communion.

Mr. Fisher took a journey into the State of Massachusetts in April and did not return till the last of June or the first of July and the church and society were without preaching for a longest space of time since its organisation.

June 19th. This day being the annual meeting of the Somerset County Conference of Churches. The conference convened in this town. All the chhs were represented except 8 Duryard & Kingfield.

AD 1837 At the close of the County Conference
the Lords Supper was administered by Mr
May of Strong assisted by Mr Tucker of
Bingham

July 29th at a meeting of the Chh this day Judge
Thatcher and Mary Ann Hunt daughter of ~~Mr~~
Br L Hunt offered themselves of candidates
for Chh membership and were propounded
J Thompson } Scribe

August 6th The Chh voted to receive Judge Thatcher
and Miss Mary A Hunt

Aug 7th This day in public assembly Judge Thatcher
and Miss Mary Ann Hunt gave their consent
to the confession of faith and the Covenant and
were received members in full communion
Attest John Thompson } Clerk

At a meeting of the Church
Sept 29 a charge of falsehood was
brought against Mr. T. H. the Pastor
of the Church, by Mrs. Bowles.
The Church being satisfied that
Mrs. Bowles had previously taken

the steps required by the gospel,
voted to act upon the charge.
It was then signified that those con-
cerned were ready for the case to be
tried, & the Church proceeded to
an investigation. The investigation
was made in reference to conversation
between the accused & the Rev Mr
Thurston, which took place at the
house of the accused, & subsequent ac-
count of this conversation given by
the accused. After the investi-
gation was closed the case was submi-
ted to the Church for decision in the
following question "Is Mr. T. guilty
of uttering a wilful falsehood in the
matter of charge brought against
him by Mrs. Bowles? This question
was decided unanimously in the neg-
ative, the District ^{prent} concurring unani-
mously in the decision.

Attest Sewall Prime Scribe. pro tem

AD 1837

Sunday October 4th Mr. Peet preached for Mr. Sikes and baptized a child of Levi and Elizabeth Gates by the name of Mary Elizabeth also a child of Samuel Cordis and Mary his wife & on his account by the name of Mary

Attest John Thompson } Clerk
Sept 30th Jeremiah Smith and Polly his wife were this day (agreeable to their request) dismissed by a vote of the Chh and recommended to the Chh in Winthrop

Attest J Thompson } Clerk
October 25 Mr. Sikes preached a lecture at the house of Br David Wilth and baptized a child of Mr David Wilth and Susan his wife by the name of Orrin Sikes

Sunday evening Oct 28th Mr. Sikes preached a Lecture at the house of Dea Downs and baptized a child of Dea Downs and Ann M. his wife by the name Aaron Elizabeth Also at the same time and place a child of Wm Paine and Elizabeth W. his wife by the name of Hannah Gates
Attest John Thompson Clerk

AD 1837

At a parish meeting held at the house of the Pastor Mr. Sikes requested leave of absence which was granted him by the Church and Society, with ^{the hope and} expectation that he would again resume his pastoral labours with the people of this charge on the 29th of the present month (Oct) he preached to his people from the 20 chapter of Acts 32 vers And now, brethren I commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. he and his Chh and people parted with regret but circumstances rendered it necessary

Dec 24th Mr Underwood of New Sharon preached this day and Mr Swift a licentiate from Bangor Min - preached a few weeks since

AD 1838

The Church and Society engaged Mr Underwood of New Sharon to preach one fourth of the time for three months The sacrament of the Lords supper was administered to the Chh by Mr Underwood the first sabbath in Feb'y

Saturday March 31st at a meeting of the Chh this day John Pike, Abel Heywood and

AD 1838 John S Pike requested the privilege of Chh membership related those the ground of their hope in Christ and were propounded for admission to the Chh

Attest J Thompson } Clerk
April 14th at a meeting of the Chh this day
Moses C Pike, Asa Paine, Abigail Heywood
and Susan D. Wilts Jr offered themselves
to the Chh and were accepted

Attest J Thompson
April 29th In public assembly John Pike
Abel Heywood Moses C. Pike, Asa Paine, John S.
Pike, Abigail Heywood, and Susan D. Wilts,
gave consent to the confession of faith and the
covenant and were admitted members of the
Church in full communion. baptism was
administered to Abel Heywood, M. C. Pike, J. S.
Pike and Abigail Heywood. The sacrament
of the supper was administered by Mr
Underwood

Attest John Thompson
At the request of the Chh & society Mr Sikes
returned and resumed his ministerial labours
among them the first Sabbath in July

AD 1838
Saturday July 21st at a meeting of the Chh
Mrs Joseph A. Hatch and Abigail H. Ellis
offered themselves as candidates for Church
membership related their religious experience
and were received by a vote of the Church
Attest J Thompson } Clerk
Sunday August 5th In public assembly
Mr Josiah A. Hatch & Miss Abigail H. Ellis gave
consent to the confession of faith and the cov-
enant and were admitted members of the Chh
in full communion

Attest John Thompson } scribe
Mrs Lucy Bowls wife of Joshua Bowles requested
to be dismissed from this Chh, that she might uni-
te with the Chh in Winthrop. assigning as a
reason that she could not be edified by the Pastor
(Mr Sikes) the request being laid before the Chh no decision
was had upon it; the members not being agreed; some
thought it inconsistent with Congregational usages to
to dismiss a member (who was still residing in
town) to a distant Chh; others thought that the rea-
sons she assigned for a dismission insufficient, while
others thought that they could not give her a recommend^{ation}

AD 1838

But after having several meetings it was thought best for the peace of the Chh to dismiss him

David B. Wells having requested the the privileges of Church membership and not being able to meet the Chh in public ^{on account of sickness} The Pastor and Deacons were appointed a Committee by the Chh to examine him on the grounds of his hope in Christ and reported in favor of admitting him to Church membership On Thursday the 20th day of December the Chh met at the house of Bro D. Wells, and his son David B Wells was admitted a member of the Chh in full communion the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered at the time Attest John Thompson } Clerk

A Letter missive having been received from the Chh in Industry inviting this Chh to assist by their Pastor and Delegate ~~to assist~~ in the ordination of Mr Perham voted to comply with the invitation Bro Alfred Hatch was chosen Delegate The ordination on Wednesday January 2 1839

AD 1839

Mrs Alice Paine wife of Mr Asa Paine requested the privilege of Chh membership and not being able to meet with the Church for examination The Pastor & Deacons were appointed a Committee by the Chh to meet her at her house previous to being propounded Sunday Jan 13th Mrs Alice Paine was propounded for admission to the Chh

J Thompson } Scribe
Sunday Feb 3 Mrs Alice Paine in public gave consent to the confession of faith and the covenant and was admitted a member of the Chh in full communion The ordinance of Baptism was administered to her at the same time Attest J. Thompson } Clerk
Sunday Feb 10th A child of Rev Oron Pike and Julia H. Pike his wife by the name of Katherine Putnam

Feb 16th A letter missive received from the Chh in Norridgewock to the Chh in Mercer requesting the Chh by their Pastor and Delegate to assist in an Ecclesiastical council in settling a difficulty in the Chh in N voted to comply Bro John Pike chosen Delegate

A.D. 1839

February 13th This day David, B. Wells a member of the Chh departed this life after a long and ~~protracted~~ painful illness. [See next page]

March 15th Miss Lucy A. Thatcher a member of the Methodist Church wishing to remove her relation ship from the M.E. Chh to the Congregational Chh and presenting a letter of recommendation from the Chh of which she was a member and being examined respecting her motives in removing her relation from one Chh to the other also on her religious experience and doctrine and was accepted by a unanimous vote of the Chh a member in full communion

Attest

J. Thompson } clerk
of the Chh

Saturday July 27th Rev Mr Sikes baptized eight children of Mr Asa Paine and Alice his wife by the names following viz Charles Sewall Henry Mason, Edward Porter, Frederic Augustus, Owen Sikes, Mary Asenath, Henrietta Frances and Julia Ann The Chh met on this occasion at the house of Mr Paine

Feb 18th 1839 A.D. 1839.

This day, David B. Wells departed this life, after a protracted & distressing sickness, which he bore with much patience & Christian fortitude. He was a young man of an amiable disposition & much beloved by those who knew him. In his last sickness the power & excellency of religion were exemplified, & he left this world with a firm expectation of going to one far better.

Attest.

Owen Sikes - Pastor

August 31st. The ordinance of baptism was this day administered to a child of L. Hunt, & Mary A. his wife, by the name of Charles Clifford; also to a child of John & Mary Burr, on her faith, by the name of Daniel.

Attest.

Sept. 29th. This day at 5 o'clock P.M. Emily Smith, died. During her sickness she was resigned to the will of God, & appeared anxious to depart & be with Christ. O. Sikes Pas.

A. D. 1839. Dec. 13th. This evening Susan Wells departed this life Aged 20 years 47 mo. Her last sickness was short, but death found her not unprepared. She was amiable, active & beloved. Just before she died she said to her pastor, - I am dying, but my savior is with me, I feel his gracious support, he will receive my soul.

Attest

Oren Dikes Cor.

January 14th 1840.

Dec. 28. This day Mrs. Anna M. Dunes died, after a long & distressing sickness which she bore with christian patience. In her last hours she was wonderfully ^{supported} by the grace of God. When it was apparent that death had begun his work, her pastor said to her, we think you are dying. Instantly she pressed his hand, & with a smile upon her deathly countenance exclaimed: O glorious news! Few persons are more beloved than was Mrs. Dunes.

Oren Dikes Cor.

Names of Members of the Church that have died or removed

Died		Dismissed	to the Chh in
Mrs Sally Works -	April 30 - 1825	Miss Hannah Harvey -	Jan 1829 Lowell
Dea Wm Paine -	Oct 17 - 1829	James Clark {	Jan 19 1836
Samuel Pease -	Jan 2 1831	Clarandine Clark {	Winthrop
Mrs Saphra Fledch -	June 17 1831	Mary H. Glide -	Readfield
Mrs Hannah Gates -	July 13 - 1834	Aronette Griffin -	Jan 10 1837 Bangor
Abijah Smith -	April 15 - 1836	Jeremiah Smith -	Sept 30 1837
David B. Wells -	Feb 14 " 39	Polly Smith {	Winthrop
Emely Smith -	Sept 29 " 39	Lucy Bowls. 1838	Winthrop
Susan D Wells -	Dec 3 " 39	Caroline T. S. Thatcher -	Oct 26 th 1851
Ann M Dunes -	Jan 18 " 40	Now Mrs. Smith -	to the 2 ^d Society
		Lycia H. Hall -	Reformed Chh in Kingston N.Y.
			To John St
			Chh Lowell
			Jan 6 1839

Excluded

William Stevens } Oct 4 1834
Charlotte his wife }

WARRANTY DEED.

FROM

H. W. Blaisdell

TO

Congregational Society

Dated *Sept. 17* 189*6*

SOMERSET SS.

Registry of Deeds.

Received *Feb'y 26* 189*7*

at *1* h., *30* m., *P* m., and

recorded in book *235-529*

Attest:

Llewellyn Godwin

By L. B. Godwin, Clerk Register.

From the Office of

S. H. Willard

Mail J. H. Downs
Mercur

Paid

Know All Men by These Presents, That

J. H. H. Blaisdell of Merce Somerset County
Maine

In Consideration of *five* dollars,
 paid by *D. G. Wood, A. J. Downer & Sarah Cutting for the*
Congregational Society of Merce
 the receipt whereof *I* do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey
 unto the said *Society*

heirs and assigns forever, a certain lot or parcel of land Situated in Merce Village
bounded & described as follows to wit:

Commencing on the ^{East side} line of the road leading through Merce
to New Sham at the North westerly Corner of Mary Croswell's
House lot; Thence Southwily by the westerly line of said House lot to
Corner of the late Store lot - late belonging to D. G. Wood Thence westerly
thirty five feet; on the Croswell line; thence Northwily on a line
parallel to the first mentioned line to the line of said road
thence Eastwily by the line of said road thirty five feet to the
first mentioned bound

To Have and to Hold the aforegranted and bargained premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said *Society and their*
~~heirs and assigns~~, to their use and behoof forever.

And *I* do covenant with the said Grantee^s, *and their* heirs and assigns, that
I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances;

that *I* have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Grantee^s, to hold as afore-
 said; and that *I* and *my* heirs shall and will Warrant and Defend the same to the said
 Grantees *and their* heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demand of all persons.

In Witness Whereof *I* the said Grantor, and
Cynthia A. wife of the said *H. H. Blaisdell*
 in testimony of *her* relinquishment of *her* right of dower in the
 above described premises, have hereunto set *on* hand and seal this *seventeenth*
 of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and ninety-*eight*

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED,

IN PRESENCE OF

J. H. Willard

H. H. Blaisdell
C. A. Blaisdell

STATE OF MAINE,

SOMERSET,

} SS.

above-named

and acknowledged the above instrument to be *his* free act and deed.

Before me,

J. H. Willard

Justice of the Peace.

Sept. 17

1898

Personally appeared the

H. H. Blaisdell

